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TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT

Newest information highlighted in yellow.

The Hurricane Information Line will activate at noon Tuesday, August 29. The number is (772) 462-2766. Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.

Spanish speaking representative will be available from noon until 9 p.m.

Pre-Storm Situation Report 02
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EOC Activation Level: 3-Monitoring

CURRENT SITUATION:

Due to Tropical Storm Ernesto's current track, this storm poses a threat to St. Lucie County and requires close monitoring. The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center is monitoring this storm. St. Lucie County EOC is participating in state sponsored conference calls in conjunction with the National Hurricane Center. We will continue to monitor the storm track and will advise as additional information is provided with the National Weather Service. St. Lucie County is advising that citizens' storm preparations should be underway at this time. For more information on Hurricane Preparedness, visit www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

- ❑ County Administrator Doug Anderson will host a live update on County preparations tonight at 6:45 p.m. at the County Commission Chambers located at 2300 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will declare a local State of Emergency beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ St. Lucie County government offices (including Board of County Commissioners' offices, Tax Collector's offices, Supervisor of Elections' office), Port St. Lucie City Hall and Fort Pierce City Hall will be closed at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29 and all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The Port St. Lucie Early Voting location has been moved to the St. Lucie West Supervisor of Elections Office at 250 NW Country Club Drive in Port St. Lucie. Early voting will close

at both locations (St. Lucie West and Orange Blossom Business Center) at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.

- ❑ All St. Lucie County Courts will be closed all day Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Clerk of Court offices will close Tuesday, August 29 at noon.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will close at noon on Tuesday, August 29 and be closed all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ Mandatory evacuations of the barrier islands and mobile and manufactured homes begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ For residents of North and South Hutchinson Island, return placards are available at the Fort Pierce Police Department, located at 920 S. U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce, during regular business hours Tuesday, August 29. Bring photo identification with current address.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County beaches will be closed as of 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at full activation beginning 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 29. The EOC will be at partial activation Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- ❑ Beginning at noon Monday, all political signs should be removed by noon Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will have early dismissal on Tuesday, August 29 and be CLOSED Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ On Tuesday, August 29, the following Special Needs Shelters will open at 5 p.m.: Dan McCarty Middle School, 1201 Mississippi Avenue in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.
- ❑ On Tuesday, August 29, the following General Shelters will open at 6 p.m.: Fort Pierce – Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 1801 Panther Lane; Lakewood Park Elementary, 7800 Indrio Road; Port St. Lucie – Village Green Elementary School, 1700 Lennard Road and Morningside Elementary School, 2300 SE Gowin Drive.
- ❑ Residents going to a General Shelter must have a picture ID.
- ❑ Residents going to any shelter should bring a pillow, blanket, three day supply of non-perishable food, three day supply of water, prescription medicines, important papers, change of clothing, and personal hygiene articles. No pets, alcohol or firearms permitted in any shelter.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Department Directors have begun early storm preparations per the County's Hurricane Manual.
- ❑ Residents should listen to WQCS 88.9 FM at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 29 for regularly scheduled updates. Information will also be available on the County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast Channel 21 throughout the day.